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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries

January 16, 2009

An act to amend Section 3111 of, to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 3116) to Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of, and to repeal and add Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) of Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of, the Government Code, relating to volunteer service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 127, as amended, Jeffries. Volunteer service: Office of California Volunteers and California Volunteers Commission.

Existing law establishes the Office for Citizen Initiative and Voluntary Action within the office of the Governor.

This bill would repeal the statutes establishing the Office for Citizen Initiative and Voluntary Action within the office of the Governor, and instead enact provisions establishing the Office of California Volunteers within the office of the Governor, specifying the duties and responsibilities of the office, and requiring that the office be led by the Secretary of Service and Volunteering, who would be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

The bill also would establish the California Volunteers Commission, which would serve as California's "State Commission" for purposes of the *federal* National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 and its implementing rules and regulations. The bill would provide for the

composition of the commission, that the members would serve without compensation, and that ~~the First Lady of California or First Gentleman of California would serve as the Honorary Chairperson of the commission. The bill also would provide that~~ no more than 50% of the commission, plus one member, shall be from the same political party.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3111 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:

3 3111. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
4 following meanings:

5 (a) “Volunteer” means any person who, of his or her own free
6 will, provides goods or services, without any financial gain.

7 (b) “Administrative volunteer” means any person serving
8 voluntarily on boards, commissions, or other similar bodies of the
9 state.

10 (c) “Direct service volunteer” means any person involved in
11 specific volunteer service that includes one-to-one relationships
12 with, or assistance to, recipients of government services.

13 SEC. 2. Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) of Chapter
14 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code is repealed.

15 SEC. 3. Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) is added
16 to Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
17 to read:

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19 Article 2. Office of California Volunteers

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21 3113. (a) There is in the office of the Governor an Office of
22 California Volunteers to recruit and mobilize California residents
23 for volunteer service.

24 (b) “Office” as used in this article means the Office of California
25 Volunteers.

26 3114. Consistent with federal and state law, the duties and
27 responsibilities of the office shall include, but not be limited to,
28 the following:

29 (a) Recruiting and mobilizing California residents for volunteer
30 service by identifying service opportunities throughout the state

1 and by recognizing residents for the contributions they make as
2 volunteers and participants in public service programs.

3 (b) Serving as the state's lead agency for community service
4 and volunteerism, informing the public of the value of and need
5 for greater community service and volunteerism in California,
6 calling upon all Californians to become involved, and challenging
7 public and private institutions to create and support community
8 service and volunteer opportunities.

9 (c) Partnering with other public agencies at the state, county,
10 and local levels, and the private and nonprofit sectors to leverage
11 greater resources and create more opportunities for, and greater
12 participation in, service and volunteering.

13 3115. The office shall be led by a Secretary of Service and
14 Volunteering who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
15 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

16 SEC. 4. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 3116) is added
17 to Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
18 to read:

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20 Article 2.5. California Volunteers Commission
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22 3116. (a) There is established in state government the
23 California Volunteers Commission that shall serve as California's
24 "State Commission" for purposes of the National and Community
25 Service Trust Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12501 et seq.) and its
26 implementing rules and regulations.

27 (b) "Commission" as used in this article means the California
28 Volunteers Commission.

29 3117. (a) In keeping with the requirements of the National
30 and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, the commission shall
31 include the following individuals as voting members:

32 (1) An individual with expertise in the educational, training,
33 and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

34 (2) An individual with expertise in promoting the involvement
35 of older adults in service and volunteerism.

36 (3) A representative of community-based agencies or
37 organizations within the state.

38 (4) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

39 (5) A representative of local government.

40 (6) A representative of local labor organizations.

1 (7) A representative of business.

2 (8) An individual between 16 and 25 years of age who is a
3 participant or supervisor of a service program for school-aged
4 youth, or of a campus-based or national service program.

5 (9) A representative of a qualifying national service program.

6 (10) A representative of the volunteer sector.

7 (b) Voting members of the commission shall serve at the
8 pleasure of the Governor for terms of three years and are eligible
9 for reappointment.

10 (c) The Governor may appoint to the commission other voting
11 or ex officio, nonvoting members, subject to the limitation that the
12 total membership of the commission shall not exceed 25 members.

13 ~~(d) The spouse of the Governor, also known as the First Lady~~
14 ~~of California or the First Gentleman of California, shall serve as~~
15 ~~Honorary Chairperson of the commission. In this capacity, the~~
16 ~~First Lady or First Gentleman, with the assistance of her or his~~
17 ~~office, shall lead a broad range of service and citizen initiatives~~
18 ~~that develop and strengthen the human, cultural, and natural~~
19 ~~resources of the state.~~

20 (e)

21 ~~(d) The First Lady or First Gentleman and~~ commission members
22 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel
23 expenses and receive a per diem as appropriate.

24 ~~(f)~~

25 (e) No more than 50 percent of the commission, plus one
26 member, shall be from the same political party, as required by
27 federal law.